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## Local church recognizes, honors World AIDS Day

BY LINDSEY LEARDI  
THE COLLEGIAN

As the small congregation set foot into the sanctuary of First Congregational United Church of Christ Monday night, everyone received a bulletin and a white, worn candle.

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood welcomed the community to her service, which was in honor of World AIDS Day, and recognized the progress that has been made in reducing the spread of HIV and AIDS – as well as what still needs to be done.

According to Wood and the World Health Organization, fewer babies are being born with HIV, global HIV

infection rates are declining and treatment is reaching 11.7 million people in low and middle income countries. “Even though new HIV infections have dropped by

includes 2 million children.” Kevin Stilley, secretary and treasurer for the Junction City Teddy Bears, delivered a reflection during the service in which he discussed the is-

“We can encourage our legislators to continue to fund treatment programs so that treatment is available to every single person who needs it,” Stilley said, “Stand up to ignorance by speaking out and educating friends and family members that HIV is no more contagious than cancer.”

Stilley insisted that an essential part of HIV prevention is educating our youth.

“It is very clear that abstinence-only sex education programs do not work,” Stilley said. “Our nation’s young people need to be taught how to protect themselves and why it is so important to do so.”

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“WORLD AIDS DAY”

**“Even though new HIV infections have dropped by 38 percent since 2001, 2.1 million people were newly infected in 2013,”**

REV. CAELA SIMMONS WOOD  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

38 percent since 2001, 2.1 million people were newly infected in 2013,” Wood said. “There are still 22 million people who are not accessing life saving treatment and that

sues at hand, his own personal struggle with AIDS, and what we can do to further progress. JCTB is a homosexual male social group that serves the Flint Hills community.

compiled by Jon Parton

## Wichita man robbed of his K-State hat

Police in Wichita are looking for a suspect who reportedly attacked a 19-year-old Wichita man and robbed him of his K-State knit hat.

The victim told police a man approached him over the weekend while he was walking and demanded his hat and shoes, according to the Wichita Eagle. When the victim asked why the man wanted them, he was reportedly struck in the face by the suspect. The man got away with the hat and left the scene in a white sedan with two women.

No arrests have been made in the case.

## Patent issued for K-State

A series of synthetic compounds developed at K-State was recently awarded a patent. The compounds, called quinolines, act as a communication channel between adjacent cells that have lost communication due to disease. The compounds have applications for treating cancer, according to a K-State press release.

The patent was awarded to the Kansas State University Research Foundation. Duy Hua, distinguished professor of chemistry; Thu Nguyen, associate professor of toxicology; and Dolores Takemoto, professor emerita of biochemistry, were the researchers behind the discovery.

## Local child molestation sentence upheld

Junction City resident Jordan Young’s appeal to overturn his sentence from a child molestation case was summarily dismissed by the Kansas Supreme Court today.

According to Little Apple Post, Young was sentenced to 294 months in prison after being convicted on one count of aggravated criminal sodomy and three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child last January.

Young, employed at Junction City’s Apostolic Academy, was charged in August 2012 after nine teenage boys reported that he had engaged in sexual acts or acted sexually inappropriate with them. Young pleaded no contest.

## Judge allows publishing of investigation files

In 1959, the Clutter family was murdered inside their home in Holcomb, Kansas. Fifty-five years later, the criminal investigation files that detail the murder will finally be available for publishing, according to an article by the Associated Press.

On Monday, Shawnee County District Court Judge Larry Hendricks reversed his earlier decision in 2012 to block publication of the files conducted by a Kansas Bureau of Investigation agent. Ronald Nye, of Oklahoma City, was sued by the Kansas attorney general’s office after he made known his intentions to publish the files.

Hendricks ruled that the First Amendment rights of Nye were greater than the government’s confidentiality of its investigation. The murders inspired the book “In Cold Blood,” written by Truman Capote.



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**Erin Killeen**, senior in drawing, grinds a piece of a metal sculpture which will eventually be part of a giant light switch, in the metal foundry in the basement of Willard Hall on Monday.

## Winter in Willard Hall is warming up



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(From left) **Cornelius Hugo**, senior in sculpture, **Matthew Waters**, senior in sculpture and metal work, and **Dan Ney**, senior in sculpture, pour 90 lbs of 2000 degree Fahrenheit molten bronze into a mold outside the metal foundry in the basement of Willard Hall on Monday afternoon. The mold was part of Ney’s senior thesis project which will consist of five life-sized bronze likenesses of himself in various forms and be on display Dec. 15-19.

## Canvas: painting a new picture for students

BY MASON SWENSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

In our world of fast-paced communicating and ever changing technology, a system that is 15 years old is not a good ingredient to add to the student recipe for success.

K-State’s Learning Management System, K-State Online Classic, was built in the early 2000s. Fast-forward to this year, when the Office of Mediated Education decided to modernize and transition to K-State Online Learning powered by Canvas.

“I think it is much cooler than Classic,” Keegan Mocabee, freshman in open option, said. “Canvas has more features than just checking grades.”

The decision to move away from the locally-based system, Classic, to the new Canvas system came from the investment of resources and analysis of long-term costs. According to Rob Caffey, director of the Office of Mediated Education, it would have created a bigger mess both in resources and financially to try and fix Classic than to give it the modern feature that was desired by students and faculty.

The benefit of Canvas is that it features Learning Tools Integration, commonly called LTIs. LTIs are a framework that is created by the software to use existing, as well as new tools, and can be expanded upon.

“(Canvas) was born in The Cloud,” Caffey said. “It works really well in that it fits the needs of the campus.”

According to Caffey, changing

what the campus uses on a daily basis is not an easy task; though it is made easier by the features Canvas has to offer. One feature is called “What-If?” which takes students’ current grades and allows them to see the results an assignment could have by typing in a certain score. The feature then lets students see their potential grade in a class if they receive that score.

Another feature of Canvas that can help the faculty is the Speed Grader function. It allows for more efficient grading of tests and responses.

“I took an online class at another college that had Canvas,” Marah Schneider, sophomore in social work, said. “If I wouldn’t have experienced it already, I would have been super confused.”

Even with these benefits, there

have been some issues; one of the issues was how Canvas interacts with large classes, mainly ones with 400-plus students enrolled in the course. That problem is apparent on the instructor side of Canvas.

For instructors, Caffey said there isn’t a search bar to easily find students to administer individualize assignments or to change grades. This issue is currently being addressed by the Office of Mediated Education and Instruction, the company that produced Canvas.

According to Caffey, more than half of the students enrolled have at least one class on Canvas.

“Change is hard, and there are some people that would prefer not to change,” Caffey said. “But it’s progressive and we are able to provide a better service to students and faculty.”

### INSIDE



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### Fact of the Day

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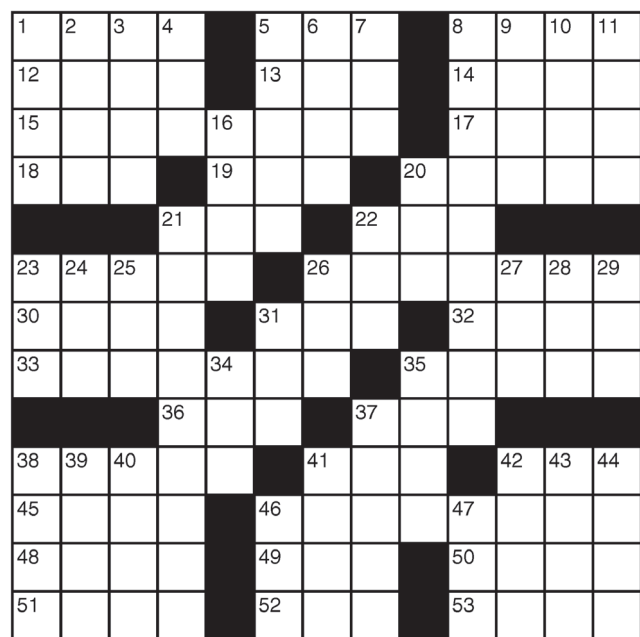
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**Yesterday's answer 12-2**



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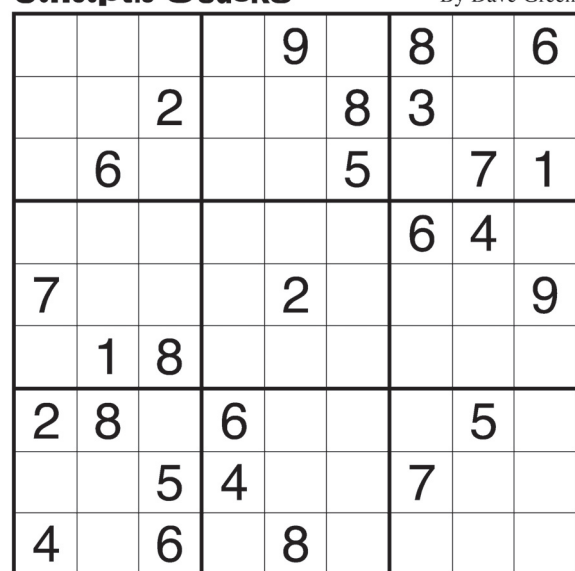
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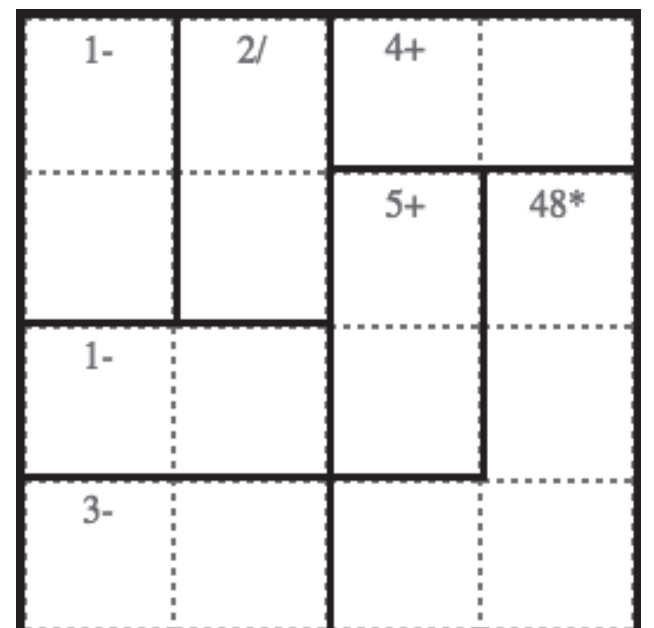


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Inspections are compiled from the Kansas Department of Agriculture



2304 Stagg Hill Road  
Date of inspection:  
Nov. 20, 2014  
Reason for inspection:  
Follow-up  
Results: No follow-up

**3-101.11** There was a rotten tomato in a produce box along with other tomatoes that was being stored on a shelf in the walk-in cooler. Corrected on site, item was discarded.

**4-601.11(A)** There was a can opener mounted to a food prep table that had heavy amounts of dried food debris on the blade. Corrected on site, item was placed in the dish room for cleaning.

**4-202.11(A)(2)** There

was a plastic spatula stored as clean hanging up in the back kitchen area that had deep cracks around the blade. Corrected on site, spatula was discarded.

**4-501.11(B)** The seal around the chest freezer located in the kitchen area is cracked and broken.

**4-601.11(C)** There is dried dust buildup on the fan covers located in the walk-in coolers.



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**6-202.15(A)(3)** There is a half-inch gap along the bottom front double doors and the single front door of the establishment.

**4-601.11(C)** There is dried dust buildup on the fan covers located in the walk-in cooler.



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## From the president's desk



REAGAN KAYS

Dear fellow K-Staters,

Welcome back to the last few weeks of the semester! What a way to kick it off with a big time win over our in-state rivals to the east. We were glad to see that the early opening of the residence halls helped students get back in time for the game. Our seniors deserved a packed house in their final home game, and our students and fans delivered. On to Waco, Texas next week to play Baylor for a Big 12 Conference Championship!

One of the initiatives that we inherited from our predecessors, Eli Schooley and Jake Unruh, is the effort to bring a comprehensive mobile app to K-State. We've been looking at a range of developers to find the best fit for our needs. We expect to make a great deal of progress on the app this spring. We understand this may seem like a slow process, but we want to ensure we do this right and emerge with an app that will do everything we need it to do for years to come.

Every year, the city of Manhattan collaborates with K-State on projects that mutually benefit the city and the university. Funding for these projects comes from the City/University (Projects) Fund, an agreement that allows city sales tax revenues generated on campus to be used for campus improvements. In the meeting before Thanksgiving

break, the Student Senate passed a proposal for the use of more than \$600,000 of such funds. This proposal goes to President Kirk Schulz, who submits his own proposal to the city commission for approval.

Some of the projects we proposed funding for include nearly \$400,000 in improvements to the K-State Student Union's Forum Hall, about \$200,000 worth of work on N. Manhattan Avenue, and a \$50,000 sidewalk installation on the east side of Sunset Avenue between College Heights Road and Anderson Avenue. Many thanks to SGA's Governmental Relations committee for their hard work on the proposal!

Finally, we're happy to report that at their meeting before the break, the Kansas Board of Regents sided with students and denied proposed changes to Kansas statutes that would have lifted the requirement for a referendum before using tuition revenue to fund campus building construction and renovation. In many cases, students will be in favor of using their tuition dollars for this purpose – an example is the 2012 referendum passed to approve the upcoming Union renovation – but it's important that we're able to make our voice heard in the decision process.

Enjoy your first week back, stay warm, and try not to worry too much about the finals we have around the corner!

As always, Go 'Cats!

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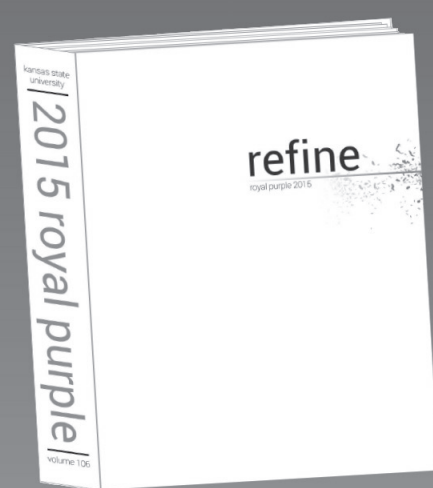
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## International students bond, grow during K-State experience

By MARÍA LILIANA ESCOBAR L., ECUADOR

As I walked down the road and I get a glance of the newborn day, I come to realize how intense the colors of each tree, flower or even the buildings can be as the sun gently touches them. I take a deep breath and continue my walk. I have an early class and the bus stop awaits just a few more steps ahead.

My first days at Kansas State University seem so far away now; I have been here for almost 10 months and the view, as well as the people, have become part of my daily inventory. The rainy days and the sunny days, the long waits for the bus and the short periods of silence, the intense heat of the summer or the freezing temperatures of the winter – all ingredients of this amazing journey into becoming a better professional.

My footprints start to follow their own pattern, they have somehow grown to be part of every path across campus. I am an Ecuadorian student at the College of Education and my time here at K-State has changed not just my professional perspective, but

has also opened my mind to new ideas and diverse experiences.

This incredible opportunity began 10 months ago and it will have a deep impact in my future. From enjoying a beautiful sunset with my colleagues, to adventuring around campus, K-State has become more than my place of study. It is my home away from home. I look up at the sky as I try to remember some of my country's landscapes, I cannot help thinking on the beauty of this view and the magnificent canvas around me.

Being an international student is as much as a privilege as it is a responsibility; we have the enormous duty of representing our country, our culture and people in the best way possible. It also means adapting to new realities, adopting beliefs and creating the perfect space for two cultures to converge.

I am proud of my Latino roots; they are part of who I am. However, that it is not an impediment for me to value American traditions. Like myself, many international students share this vision of gratitude to the place and people, which have welcomed us as part of their everyday life.

"My experience at K-State has been unforgettable because

I have had the opportunity to discover the American culture, holidays, traditions, college life and more," Maricela Cajamarca, Ecuadorian graduate exchange student in education, said. "In addition, the College of Education has fulfilled my expectations with high-quality courses and meaningful learning experiences that enhanced my professional development. Therefore, I can affirm that being a student at K-State is a valuable experience that has improved me as a person and as a professional."

Deciding to leave your country is not an easy task. You are leaving behind friends, family, your social environment and all that has shaped you into who you are, in order to become who you want to be. As I think on the importance of my decision, I also understand the effort that it will demand from me.

"2014 was my first year as a graduate international student here at K-State and I could not be happier with my experience," Mariana Guerra-Maupome, Mexican international graduate student in human ecology, said. "Volunteering in the ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services) allowed me to meet amazing people that I can call friends now.

I never thought that studying abroad would be the best decision in my life. Go Wildcats!"

I have been amazed by the seasons' unique symphony of changes, the colorful brushstrokes on the trees or the white crystal snow. The incredible majesty of the old buildings surrounding campus and the battalion of squirrels that guard every garden at the university has turned my stay into an unforgettable memory.

I keep on walking. I meet with some friends along the way: we talk, we laugh, we help each other to fight the melancholy of being away from home. There is an unthinkable power to a hug, a handshake or a smile. Through my classes and outside of them I have the opportunity to meet people who have grown to be my family during these past few months. They have been my advisers, tour guides, tutors and overall friends through the tough times. Being an international student means being open to share opinions, respect differences and moreover find the way to establish relationships that will last a lifetime.

"Studying abroad has been the most wonderful, challenging and valuable experience I've ever had in my life," Consuelo

Gallardo, Ecuadorian graduate exchange student in education, said. "It allowed me to gain amazing experiences to be prepared to defend my personal and professional beliefs in order to promote new improvements in the lives of my beloveds when I go back to my beautiful native country."

Finally, I arrive to my class at Bluemont Hall. It is one of the last days of fall. The cold air is announcing winter's arrival. I look around and I feel happy to be here, to be able to taste, smell and live all that K-State has to offer me. I will be going back soon, but my suitcases are packed with memories, laughter and that warm feeling of having found the perfect spot to start following your dreams.

This chapter is coming to an end, however, I am sure that there are many more to come. Gracias K-State. Nos vemos pronto!

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Educating Immigrants  
12/1/14  
Taylor Shanklin

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## US takes education for granted while others dream of it

By MARIA CHAVEZ THE COLLEGIAN

We have all heard of the term "living the American Dream," but what exactly does that mean? In the book "The Epic of America," James Truslow Adams stated the true American Dream is "that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement."

The U.S. is a country about the challenges one faces to conquer opportunities. Every one of us, no matter our racial background, is human. We all deserve the best future possible in our lives.

There is a lot of controversy on the topic of whether the U.S. should educate the children of immigrants. Being a child of an immigrant myself, I completely support the idea that children of immigrants should be able to get an education. Living in Mexico until I was 5 years old was definitely nothing compared to the life I live now. My mother wanted to give me the best future pos-

sible and saw the opportunities we both could have if we lived in the U.S. instead. She decided to make that move and gave us a chance for a better life, rather than staying in Mexico.

Legal immigrants help the U.S. receive revenue through taxes, one such being fees through public education. I believe if the U.S. makes education available to the children of legal immigrants, then these children – who are the next generation and the future – will then lead the U.S. to a successful economy and society. Denying someone an education will only hurt everyone and have negative effects in the end.

There is so much potential that could be destroyed if education was something that could not be available. Many U.S. citizens take education for granted, while many parents from other countries can only dream of giving their children an education. According to studyright.net, someone with an education can get financial benefits, opportunities, better qualities of life, make a difference and freedom.

For example, an educat-

ed worker carries skills that makes their job easier and can help them make more money. This opens up opportunities of changing and enhancing their lives for themselves and their families. An education will open up thousands upon thousands of doors to newer and brighter futures.

I was given the opportunity to get an education while my mother and I each worked on becoming citizens of the U.S. A child who wants to learn should not be punished because of where they come from. An education provides a child with a positive and effective impact in their lives through growing and learning. Immigrant children, or any children for that matter, should have the opportunity to continue education after high school and go to college! A strong-minded student will have the want and need for an education. This is what motivates individuals to go to school and study to become future doctors, engineers, teachers, lawyers, etc. The education system is a path to success and for children of immigrants, can also lead a path to citizenship.

Immigrants who come to the U.S. legally deserve the right to an education.

K-State has over 20 multicultural clubs and organizations that allow students from different backgrounds to come together and work toward a degree successfully. With that being said, an education is one of the best gifts a person can receive. Education should be seen as a priority, just like being healthy and having food and water every day.

"I think children of immigrants should be able to study and get an education in the United States because I know that education should be valued and it shouldn't depend on your standing as a citizen, so we shouldn't deny people the right to have an education despite the status of their parents," said Valeria Guizado, junior in biology and president of Hispanic American Leadership Organization.

If the U.S. denies a child an education just because their parents are immigrants, there will be no hope for that child. No hope that they can be successful in the future; no hope of living the American

## Letter to the editor

In response to Ariel Crockett's opinion piece on the Ferguson grand jury decision,

The grand jury decision saddens me. The response even more so. I'm not referring to the rioting and looting. I'm referring to the attitudes of those enjoying privilege. As a non-member of a marginalized group, I can't tell a marginalized member how they feel. I have no perspective.

Who denies that qualities such as race and gender have an impact on the lives of people in this country? Those who have never experienced oppression directly related to those

characteristics. Race is not eye color. Hundreds of years of history have reinforced that it is a significant trait in determining who you are and how you are to be treated in this country. That's sad. That's painful. Most importantly, that's true. "The race card" is ever present. When pervasive institutions like the media deny or question its existence, they perpetuate the cycle of marginalization.

Thank you for instead using the media to start a conversation. You have turned the tables.

Danny Neely  
Senior in food science and mass communications

Dream. Children of immigrants deserve a chance at an education to become responsible, law-abiding citizens of the U.S., just like you.

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# Street Talk

compiled by Cassandra Nguyen

Q: "What are you most stressed about these last few weeks of classes?"



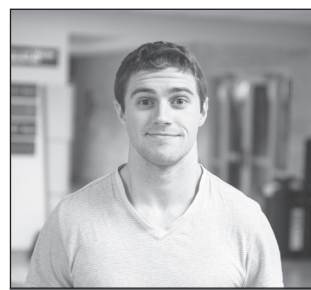
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"Finals stress me out a bit, even though I only have two. And just trying to find time for everything."

"Keeping the grades I have after finals."

"Projects and lesson plans."

"Finding the right quantity of food so I don't have too much or run out of it before break."

"Learning how to dance."

## WORLD AIDS DAY | Information on HIV, AIDS available in Union

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After the reflection, candles were lit that represented compassion, safety, knowledge and hope. During a moment of silence, congregation members were given the chance to say aloud the names of loved ones who had passed or who were diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

The hymns "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky," and "We

Shall Overcome," were sung and a reception followed the service.

This year's theme for World AIDS Day was "Focus, Partner, Achieve: An AIDS-free Generation."

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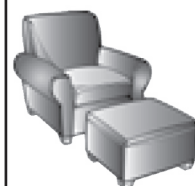
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Answer to the last Sudoku.

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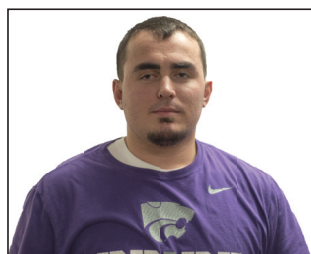
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# Wildcats face Mavericks for first time tonight



EMILIO RIVERA  
THE COLLEGIAN

After sandwiching two of their best efforts of the season with disappointing losses to Long Beach State and Pittsburgh, K-State returns home for their first game in Bramlage Coliseum in two weeks.

Having traveled to Long Beach, California and to Hawaii for the EA Sports Maui Invitational last week, the Wildcats (3-3) are coming home to face Nebraska-Omaha tonight at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats are coming in sporting a defense that has struggled heavily to start the season. In its first six games, K-State had the lowest-ranked defense in the Big 12 with scoring defense, field-goal percentage, scoring margin, three-point percentage and rebounding.

"We got to have a sense of urgency (and) call this our week 'tournament week,'" sophomore guard Marcus Foster said. "We have to make sure our resume is getting good for the tournament. This is a

big week for us with Omaha and Tennessee, so we're trying to go and get wins against these two teams."

With hopes of ending their trip to Maui with a victory, the Wildcats were deflated early in a 70-47 smothering at the hands of Pittsburgh. The Wildcats fate was sealed by poor shooting and a solid defensive presence by the Panthers.

The Wildcats went 32.6 percent from the field, including shooting a dismal 15.4 percent from behind the arc. Everything that the Wildcats failed to do in Maui, the Panthers overwhelmingly succeeded at, shooting 55.3 percent from the field and 53.3 percent from 3-point range. They also had four players reach double-figures in points.

A constant double team of forward Thomas Gipson limited what K-State was able to do offensively. The senior scored 13 points and was the only Wildcat in double figures.

With Nebraska-Omaha, the Wildcats will be facing a team loaded with scorers and ranks 19th in the nation in scoring, averaging 83.2 points per game. Led by a pair of experienced guards averaging over 16 points apiece, the Mavericks are a small and fast-paced team.

"(The Mavericks have) quick little guards, a little bit like UMKC in that they got a bunch of people that can score," K-State head coach

Bruce Weber, said. "Probably more perimeter players that can score (than UMKC). We've got a test to see what we're about here."

Nebraska-Omaha knocked off Marquette on the road and has a narrow road loss to Nebraska. In the win in Milwaukee, Wisconsin against the Golden Eagles, they worked their way to 97 points with five double-digit scorers to secure their lone road win of the season. They are most recently coming off of a 78-54 win over Nevada at home.

The centers for the Wildcats will have to deal the Mavericks senior workhorse down low in senior forward Mike Rostampour, who averages a near double-double for his team with 9.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

While the Wildcats have the edge on the size on the court, the Wildcats have the most experience of the big men on the court in Gipson. However, the Wildcats do have an issue with the depth in the frontcourt, which leads to increased minutes for Gipson.

Junior forward Stephen Hurt and sophomore forward Brandon Bolden provide size for the Wildcats' frontcourt, but both are learning the system of Weber and gaining in-game experience.

With sophomore Wesley Iwundu and senior Nino Williams both coming off of injuries and nursing



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Sophomore guard **Marcus Foster** takes a shot on Nov. 17 at Bramlage Coliseum.

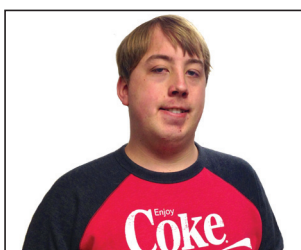
themselves back into playing form, the Wildcats post could see improvements with the added minutes of both players.

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## Things aren't as dreary as they appear for K-State men's basketball



TIMOTHY EVERSON  
THE COLLEGIAN

Over Thanksgiving break, the K-State men's basketball team traveled to Maui to compete in the Hawaii invitational. The results were mixed to say the least.

They had a convincing 88-79 win against a Purdue team with some great pieces and a great coach in Matt Painter. The Wildcats were back to clicking on offense with their third game

of the season scoring 80 points or more.

In the 2013-14 season K-State did that twice during the regular season and one of those times it took overtime to cross the 80 point mark.

Next a tough, heartbreaking 72-68 loss to what many are projecting to be a possible Final Four team in No. 3 Arizona.

Disappointing, yes. Unexpected, no, not really.

And finally, K-State played Pittsburgh in the 3rd place game and got embarrassed losing 70-47. Defensively, K-State was smothered by the Panthers and could not, for the life of them, get anything going beyond the arc.

So now that K-State is back from, as Bing Crosby would say, was the jaunt to Hawaii a bad trip and is this K-State team in trouble.

The answer is a loud, resounding no, to both.

Could it have ended better for K-State? Definitely, no question. But it is just now December. March is light years away.

Early season tournaments, for the most part, cannot not hurt you, they only help. They especially help when you do what K-State did and took care of business in that opening round game. That win, against a good Purdue team, set up a great matchup of a team whose name will show up on the Wildcat's resume when March rolls around.

That was the problem for last season's K-State squad. They lost that opening round game against Charlotte, who ended up winning the tournament, which set them up to play a poor Georgetown team (and losing) and a poor Long Beach State team that they had beat almost a

week before.

But regardless of the situation, K-State is still in a good place right now. They still have three games against power conference teams before heading into conference play.

K-State has proven that they can play better. This is a completely different team then the one who reserected their season from being almost dead in Puerto Rico.

True, you'll find that a lot of the names on the jersey's are the same as last years and the scheme's for offense and defense haven't really changed. But the parts that have been incorporated this season are vital to this teams operation.

They are learning to play more as a team and less as Marcus Foster and friends, when it comes to offense.

They've shown that on a

good night, they can have 4 or 5 players in double-digits with maybe one or two of those scoring 20 or more. That hasn't happened in a while.

And as for the defense, it will come around. Frank Martin built this team on defense when he started with these seniors three years ago and Bruce Webber continues to show that defense is also a priority.

That's why this Wildcat team has been one of the top defenses in the Big 12. Deep down that's how they are wired.

Fans just need to take a deep breathe and trust in the guys who know how to get the job done. They've done it before, marvelously.

If you would've told anybody early last season that the 2013-14 team would make the tournament, they'd probably say that you're crazy.

But these players and coaches showed that they have the resilience to fight past the early struggles and get back to playing good, solid K-State basketball.

This team will be poised to do some fantastic things when you look at all of they're parts.

You have born leaders who want the rock at crunch time, you have role player guys who will do whatever it takes to get the job done and you have a coaching staff who has shown that they are top in the country at coaching up guys to their maximum potential.

This K-State team had a bad Thanksgiving but, if the past is any indication, they're going to have a stellar Christmas.

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